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THEREWITH, AND WASHING MACHINE

## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

This Preliminary Amendment includes:

- Amendments to the Drawings; and
- · Remarks.